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SUBJ: ENERGY TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION WITH VENEZUELA
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1. EMBASSY REVIEWED PROPOSALS CONTAINED REFTEL WITH MARIANO GURFINKEL, ADVISOR TO THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINES. GURFINKEL AGREED THAT PROPOSED EXCHANGES SHOULD BE VERY USEFUL IN DEFINING POTENTIAL AREAS FOR R&D COOPERATION, ALTHOUGH HE NOTED IT WOULD BE UP TO MINISTER HERNANDEZ TO MAKE FINAL DECISION ON GOV RESPONSE AFTER HE RETURNS FROM VISITS TO FRANCE AND OPEC HEAVY CRUDE OIL MEETING, PROBABLY ABOUT FEB 6. GURFINKEL INDICATED THE SUGGESTED LIST OF SEVEN TO NINE ENERGY AREAS MAY BE TOO EXTENSIVE FOR NOW, AND AGREED THAT ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY AND ENERGY SYSTEMS ANALYSIS PROBABLY OFFERED THE BEST POSSIBILITIES FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION. WE PROVIDED HIM AN OUTLINE OF THE PROPOSED EXCHANGES, WHICH HE WILL USE IN DISCUSSING THIS PROPOSAL WITH AREVALO REYES AND ULISES RAMIREZ, WHO ARE ACCOMPANYING THE MINISTER IN EUROPE, AND WITH THE MINISTER ON THEIR RETURN.

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